

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Status of Claims

Initially, applicants and their attorney gratefully acknowledge the allowance of independent Claim 35 in the recently issued final Office Action.

Allowed independent Claim 35 and amended dependent Claims 8-13 remain pending in the present application.

By the foregoing amendments, each of Claims 8-13 has been amended to depend, directly or indirectly, from allowed Claim 35.

Claims 5-6 and 22-33 have been cancelled.

Claims 7, 14-17, 36-47 and 55-66 were previously cancelled during prosecution of the present application.

Claims 1-4, 18-21 34 and 48-54 were previously cancelled by preliminary amendment at the time of filing this divisional patent application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

On pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 5, 6, 8-13, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Humble et al., US Patent No. 5,063,028.

By the foregoing amendments, Claims 5, 6 and 22-33 have been cancelled from the present application and, therefore, this rejection is now believed to be moot relative to these claims.

Each of Claims 8-13 has been amended to depend, directly or indirectly, from allowed independent Claim 35. Since Claim 35 has been allowed, it is believed that each of Claims 8-13 is also now allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present invention, as recited in allowed independent Claim 35, as well as amended dependent Claims 8-13, which depend directly or indirectly therefrom, is novel and unobvious and, therefore, patentable. Thus, re-examination and allowance of Claims 8-13 and 35 are hereby respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Since it is believed that the foregoing amendments to the present specification do not add any new matter to the present application, but merely redirect dependency of certain dependent claims to depend from an allowed independent claim. Furthermore, it is believed that the foregoing amendments do not alter the scope of allowed independent Claim 35, and will not require further searching by the Examiner. Thus, entry of the foregoing amendments into the present application is respectfully requested.

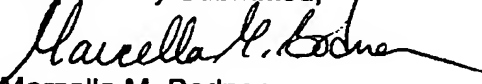
It is further believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance. In the foregoing circumstances, re-examination and allowance of the present application, including Claims 8-13 and 35, are respectfully requested. If, however, such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss any outstanding Issues in connection with the present application.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the submission of this Amendment After Final Rejection. Since this Amendment is being submitted within two months after the mailing date of the final Office Action, applicants and their attorney respectfully request issuance of an advisory action from the Examiner (the two month due date is officially March 19, 2006, a Sunday, which means that today, Monday, March 20, 2006 is the effective due date for response).

If, however, any such fees, including petition and extension fees, are due in connection with the submission of this Amendment After Final Rejection, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to **Deposit Account No. 18-1850**. In the meantime, please direct all future correspondence relating to the present application to the undersigned attorney.

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